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**BIG LAKE POLICE
DEPARTMENT**



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Suspect Charged in Burglary and Theft Cases with DNA Evidence

On April 29, 2019, Ryan K. Gunion (Age 33 – Fairbault, MN) was charged in the following cases utilizing the analysis of DNA Evidence Submitted to the TriCounty Laboratory. The Tri County Laboratory is a joint effort and resource for agencies located within the Counties of Wright, Anoka, and Sherburne.

On April 15, 2018 Officer Sam Norlin investigated an incident on Henry Rd where an occupied apartment had been entered by a suspect, and the following items taken; Glock 9mm Handgun, ATM Debit Card, 9mm ammunition, bullet resistant vest, and duty belt were taken. The victim in this case was a private security officer who used these items in the course of employment. The following day, Officer Norlin investigated another complaint in which another apartment had been entered in the same complex. While nothing was taken in the second incident, damage was done to the property and a flashlight and used condom were left behind. On April 16, Officer Guy Chaffee took a report of stolen fishing equipment, and damage done to electronics on a boat on 198 Ave. NW.

On April 23, a Plymouth Police Officer stopped a stolen vehicle driven by Gunion, amongst the items recovered was the stolen Glock 9mm, duty leather, and the stolen fishing equipment from these incidents. Gunion admitted in an interview the firearm recovered was in fact in his possession. On June 11, Investigator Rich Berg executed a search warrant and collected a DNA sample from Gunion which was compared to DNA collected at the scene of both burglaries. The DNA samples from these cases were matched by the TriCounty Lab as belonging to Gunion.

As a result of these investigations, Ryan Gunion was charged by Criminal Complaint with;

- 1st Degree Burglary (Felony – Occupied Dwelling)
- 3rd Degree Burglary (Felony – With Intent to Steal)

- Theft (Misdemeanor)

Ryan Gunion is currently in the custody of the Minnesota Department of Corrections – Fairbault, for a burglary in which he was charged occurring on 06-27-2017 at On the Run in Big Lake.

